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SUBJ: GUATEMALAN SHIPPING LEGISLATION

1. PRESEIDENT OF CONGRESS RAFAEL CASTILLO VALDEZ TELEPHONED ME THIS MORNING TO TELL ME THAT HE WAS HOLDING A MEETING TODAY OF ALL PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE NEW SHIPPING LEGISLATION, INCLUDING THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY, REPRESENTATIVES OF SHIPPING LINES, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE. HE NOTED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT ONE OF THE LINES, ARMUAGUA, WAS ACTUALLLY OWNED -- ALTHOUGH THE LINE WAS OPERATED UNDER GUATEMALAN LAW-- BY AN AMERICAN LIVING IN TAMPA. HE SUGGESTED THAT , IN VIEW OF THIS AMERICAN CONNECTION, WE MIGHT BE HELPFUL WITH ARMAGUA. I TOLD HIM THAT I WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS CONNECTION AND FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT, WHILE WE HAD SPOKEN FROM TIME TO TIME WITH GOG OFFICIALS ABOUT THE SHIPPING MATTER, WE HAD BEEN CAREFUL NOT TO INVOLVE OURSELVES OTHERWISE.

2. WHEN WE SPOKE AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON, HE TOLD ME THE MEETING HAD GONE WELL AND THAT THE ONLY VOICE RAISED IN FAVOR OF PROTECTIVE LEGISLATION WAS ARMAGUA, WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD WAS NOT EVEN OPERATING ANY SHIPS AT THE PRESENT TIME. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN INTERESTED TO HEAR FLOMERCA REPRESENTATIVE SAY THAT PROTECTIVE LEGISLATION DID AS MUCH

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TO CREATE PROBLEMS FOR THEM AS IT DID TO HELP THEM. I TOLD HIM WW HAD CHECKED OUR RECORDS AND ACCORDING TO EVERYTHIN WE KNEW ARMAGUA WAS GUATEMALAN -OWNED. HE SAID HE HAD LEARNED THAT THAT WAS RIGHT BUT THE QUOTE BACKBONE UNQUOTE OF ARMAGUA STILLMIGHT BE IN U.S. ; HE DID NOT SUGGEST AGAIN, HOWEVER, THAT WE MIGHT HELP WITH ARMAGUA. HE SAID HE PLANNED TO HAVE A PLENARY SESSION OF CONGRESS

ON SHIPPING LEGISLATION AUGUST 10, THAT HE NOW FELT OUTLOOK
WAS ENCOURAGING, BUT THAT IT STILL MIGHT DEPEND ON ACTIONS
ARMAGUA MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT TAKE WITH GUATEMALAN
CONGRESSMAN.

3. CASTILLO IS OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO BE HELPFUL. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE HAVING ANY INFORMATION ON FMC ACTIONS OR
INTENTIONS WHICH WE COULD USEFULLY PASS ALONG TO CASTILLO
AND GOG.
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